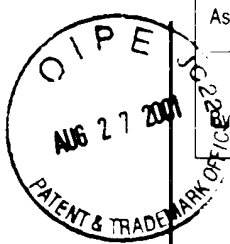


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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/539,486

Filed: March 30, 2000

For: METHODS FOR MAKING
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POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES
HAVING DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS

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Interview Summary

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This interview summary is provided pursuant to MPEP 713.04 and Form PTOL-413.

On August 8, 2001, Applicants' undersigned representative, Sharon Fujita (Associate Chief Patent Counsel for Applicants) and Examiners S. Zhou and A. Marschel met to discuss the case. Applicants representative discussed the invention and the Examiners helpfully clarified that the main issue with respect to the Zhao reference was mainly one of claim language, i.e., that it should be clarified that the character strings referred to were representational, rather than actual nucleic acids. Applicants' undersigned representative agreed to amend the claims to clarify this point and to prepare an appropriate response addressing the issue in detail in Applicants' next response. Applicants' undersigned representative thanks the Examiners for the courteous and productive interview.

Applicants are providing this Applicants' Interview Summary in response to the Interview Summary (and unchecked Box 1) of August 8, 2001. As such, Applicants are responding within the ONE MONTH provided by the Interview Summary.

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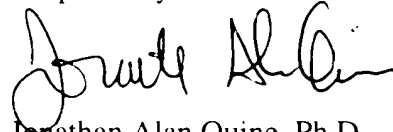
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